

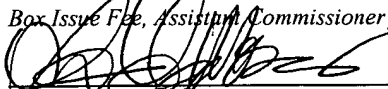


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

**Jacob Jorné et al.**

Serial No. 09/174,337

Filed: **October 19, 1998**

For: **Uniform Electroplating of Wafers**

Examiner: **Donald R. Valentine**

Art Unit: **1741**

Issue Batch No.: **L72**

Docket No.: **A-68779/RBC/VEJ**

COMBINED LETTER ACCOMPANYING  
AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312  
AND PETITION THEREFOR

**Box Issue Fee**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(b), Applicants submit herewith an Amendment After Allowance to the above-identified application. It is respectfully requested that the attached amendments be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

The remarks of the attached Amendment After Allowance state the reason that the amendments are necessary for proper protection of the invention and requires no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the United States Patent Office. Namely, the remarks show (1) why the amendments are needed, (2) why the proposed amended claim requires no additional search or examination, (3) why the claim is patentable, and (4) why the amendments were not earlier presented.

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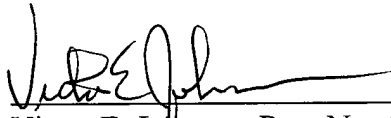
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The issue fee was paid on June 7, 2000. Because the issue fee has been paid, Applicants hereby petition for entry of the attached amendments. The Petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) of \$130.00 is paid by the attached check. As shown in the remarks of the attached Amendment After Allowance, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(b) for amendments filed after the date the issue fee is paid, of good and sufficient reasons why the amendments are necessary and where not earlier presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 27, 2000

  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE TRANSMITTAL  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(b)**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small entity status of this Application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Verified Declaration previously submitted.
- ☐ A Verified Declaration of Small Entity Status Under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

Also enclosed:

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Declaration
- ☐ Associate Power of Attorney
- ☒ Other: Combined Letter Accompanying Amendment

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The fees have been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Minus	Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	OR	Other than a Small Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	37	-	37	0	x 9 = \$		x 18 = \$
Indep Claims	9		9	0	x 39 = \$		x 78 = \$
[ ] Multiple Dependent Claim Presented and Fee not Previously Paid					+130 = \$		+260 = \$-0-
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**\$ 0.00**

<u>Small Entity</u>			<u>Large Entity</u>		
[ ]	One month	\$ 55.00	[ ]	One month	\$110.00
[ ]	Two months	\$190.00	[ ]	Two months	\$380.00
[ ]	Three months	\$435.00	[ ]	Three months	\$870.00
[ ]	Four months	\$680.00	[ ]	Four months	\$1,360.00
[ ]	Five months	\$925.00	[ ]	Five months	\$1,850.00

Extension of Time Fee: **\$ 0**

- [ ] Fee regarding Information Disclosure Statement:  
 [ ] Fee Under 37 CFR 1.17(p) \$240.00  
 [x] Petition Fee Under 37 CFR 1.17(i) \$130.00

Total Information Disclosure Statement Fee: **\$ 0**

**Total Other Fees: \$ 130.00**

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- [ ] A check including the amount of the above indicated TOTAL FEES is attached.  
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☐ No fee is required.

☒ Conditional Petition for Extension of Time:

An extension of time is requested to provide for timely filing if an extension of time is still required after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of the following fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extension of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300: **A-668779/RBC**.

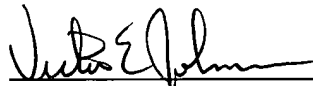
☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 including fees for the presentation of extra claims.

☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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